

1961.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1961.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.
 - Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - National Development—M. Balodis, H. F. Douch, R. J. Molloy.
 - Repatriation—T. H. Walker.
 - Supply—A. M. Tonkin, H. S. Weller.
 - Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1961, No. 29.
3. MARRIAGE BILL 1961.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Marriage.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Bill brought up, and read a first time.
 - Sir Garfield Barwick moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 - The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

—————
(In the Committee.)

 - Clause 1—
 - Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

—————

 - The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.
 - Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1961.—Mr. Freeth (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1953*.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Bill brought up, and read a first time.
 - Mr. Freeth moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1961.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1960*.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Bill brought up, and read a first time.
 - Mr. Holt moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

21st March, 1961.

6. **WAYS AND MEANS—SALES TAX.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved—

1. That, as from and including the twenty-second day of February, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, the rate of sales tax in respect of goods covered by the Fifth Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act be 30 per centum.

2. That, for the purposes of this resolution, “the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act” mean the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1960*, as proposed to be amended by the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Bill 1961*.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth be agreed to:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Turnbull), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Repatriation) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bird, Mr. C. R. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cope, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Makin, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Snedden.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.